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1. In connection with the policy changes in East Germany, the following new orders have been given to east-zone editors:
 - A. The second party congress of the SED held in July 1952 can no longer be mentioned.
 - B. Terms such as "Socialism," "Socialistic," etc. shall be replaced with terms such as "Republic," "Democratic Order," etc.
 - C. The sharp attacks against Dr. Konrad Adenauer are to cease. No attacks shall be made against England and attacks against the United States should be only in a mild form. ¹
 - D. The articles written in preparation for Walter Ulbricht's birthday, which glorified him as a creator of socialism, must be retracted and rewritten. All references to socialism and class conflicts must be deleted.
 - E. Statements made by Stalin may be printed only if they are credited directly to Stalin.
 - F. All copies of the last issue of Einheit are to be recalled and confiscated.
 - G. The Labor Ministry has been ordered to halt all activities dealing with workers' rights. Schenk, who was formerly the head of the Agricultural and Forestry Union, will become the new Labor Minister.
 - H. All editorial staffs must submit a written report to the Central Committee confirming that they have received and read the new policy line and certifying their adherence to it.

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2. At the general meeting of the SED on 9 May, at which the new party line was proclaimed, most SED officials refused at first to believe what they were hearing and thought that they were being subjected to the work of Western psychological-warfare agents. The party members and functionaries were completely confused.
3. At this meeting the order was given to turn in all brochures and papers dealing with the July 1952 party conference. Members were warned that those who fail to abide by this order will be considered enemies of the party and liable to expulsion.

1. Comment: It is doubtful that such a directive was given, in view of the vitriolic attack on Adenauer in the Tägliche Rundschau on 13 June 1953.

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